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SUBJ: GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER VISIT NORWAY

SUMMARY: GREECE'S FOREIGN MINISTER VISITED OSLO SEP 1-3 AND TALKED TO PRESS ON AEGEAN EA, CYPRUS, AND BILATERAL ISSUES. END SUMMARY

- 1. GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER DMITRI BITSIOS, WHO IS MAKING FIRST VISIT OF A GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER TO OSLO SEPT 1-3 SAID IN PRESS INTERVIEW SEPT 2 IN OSLO THAT GREEKS WANTED TO NEGOTIATE WITH TURKEY ON DELIMITATION OF AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF AND THAT THEY WANTED ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED AMICABLY. BUT, HE SAID, GREEKS CAN NOT NEGOTIATE WHILE TURKS HAVE THEIR RESEARCH VESSEL IN THE AEGEAN AREAS OVER WHICH NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE HELD.
- 2. ON CYPRUS BITSIOS TOLD PRESS THAT SITUATION CANNOT REMAIN UNCHANGED. TURKISH OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN CYPRUS IS AND REMAINS UNCLASSIFIED

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UNLAWFUL, REFUGEES PROBLEM IS UNSOLVED, AND CYPRUS PROBLEM MUST

BE SOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO POPULATION GROUPS UNDER LEADERSHIP OF UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM.

- 3. MAIN BILATERAL FEATURE OF THREE DAYS VISIT WAS SIGNING BY BITSIOS AND NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND OF FIVE-YEAR GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN NORWAY AND GREECE. AGREEMENT IS SIMILAR TO AGREEMENTS NORWAY HAS SIGNED WITH NUMBER OF COUNTRIESN, PROVIDING AMONG OTHER THINGS FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY IN EACH COUNTRY.
- 4. BITSIOS TOLD PRESS RELATIONS WITH NORWAY ARE GOOD BUT MORE CONTACTS WERE NEEDED AND HE HOPED CULTURAL AGREEMENT WOULD HELP IMPROVE NEEDED EXCHANGE.
- 5. DURING VISIT BITSIOS MET WITH KING OLAV AND LEADING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. HE HELD BILATERAL TALKS WITH FRYDENLUND.
- 6. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF VISIT AS APPROPRIATE. ANDERS

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